

dedication, and his commitment to all people. I would like to thank all of those, the leadership of the House on both sides, for ushering this bill to the floor.

Rosa Louise Parks richly deserves this honor.

Mr. Speaker, further reserving the right to object, I yield to the gentleman from Ohio.

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to say again thank you to everyone, George Shevlin, Paul Vinovich of our staff, Ted Van Der Meid and also to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. JACKSON) and the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. ROGERS) for doing this and, of course, to our ranking member.

We have had a lot of firsts recently in the short tenure of our ranking member. We have had the African American Museum. We have had the portrait of Mr. Ray, and we are about to embark on some other portraits, and also the first female Member and the first Hispanic Member. I think it is commendable to the House to look at the great diversity of our country.

Another thank you tonight. Thank you to Rosa Parks for what she did for this Nation.

I just want to close my comments with when I studied African American history, I can remember a quote that I had learned and I used it for years in many events and occasions because it fits in with just about anything you do, whether you are a soldier fighting or somebody struggling for civil rights. It is by Langston Hughes, a great African American poet and author, who said, "Dream your dreams but be willing to pay the sacrifice to make them come true."

Rosa Parks was a little woman with a big ball of thunder that day and courage, and she dreamed her dream of an America that cared about all its people in an equal way, and she paid a sacrifice to make that dream come true.

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KUHLMANN of New York). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the bill, as follows:

H.R. 4145

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. PLACEMENT OF STATUE OF ROSA PARKS IN NATIONAL STATUARY HALL.

(a) OBTAINING STATUE.—The Architect of the Capitol shall enter into an agreement to obtain a statue of Rosa Parks, under such terms and conditions as the Architect considers appropriate consistent with applicable law.

(b) PLACEMENT.—Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Architect shall place the statue obtained under subsection (a) in the United States Capitol in a suitable permanent location in National Statuary Hall.

SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out

this Act, and any amounts so appropriated shall remain available until expended.

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE OFFERED BY MR. NEY

Mr. NEY. Mr. Chairman, I offer an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment in the nature of a substitute offered by Mr. NEY:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. PLACEMENT OF STATUE OF ROSA PARKS IN NATIONAL STATUARY HALL.

(a) OBTAINING STATUE.—Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Joint Committee on the Library shall enter into an agreement to obtain a statue of Rosa Parks, under such terms and conditions as the Joint Committee considers appropriate consistent with applicable law.

(b) PLACEMENT.—The Joint Committee shall place the statue obtained under subsection (a) in the United States Capitol in a suitable permanent location in National Statuary Hall.

SEC. 2. ELIGIBILITY FOR PLACEMENT OF STATUES IN NATIONAL STATUARY HALL.

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—No statue of any individual may be placed in National Statuary Hall until after the expiration of the 10-year period which begins on the date of the individual's death.

(b) EXCEPTIONS.—Subsection (a) does not apply with respect to—

(1) the statue obtained and placed in National Statuary Hall under this Act; or

(2) any statue provided and furnished by a State under section 1814 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (2 U.S.C. 2131) or any replacement statue provided by a State under section 311 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2001 (2 U.S.C. 2132).

SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this Act, and any amounts so appropriated shall remain available until expended.

Mr. NEY (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment in the nature of a substitute be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the amendment in the nature of a substitute offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. NEY).

The amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: "A Bill to direct the Joint Committee on the Library to obtain a statue of Rosa Parks and to place the statue in the United States Capitol in National Statuary Hall, and for other purposes."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 25 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. GINGREY) at 8 o'clock and 31 minutes a.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2528, MILITARY QUALITY OF LIFE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 109-308) on the resolution (H. Res. 564) waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2528) making appropriations for military quality of life functions of the Department of Defense, military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 3058, DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, THE JUDICIARY, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 109-309) on the resolution (H. Res. 565) waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 3058) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

PAKISTAN EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about the recent 7.6 magnitude earthquake that struck Pakistan, India, and Afghanistan on October 8, 2005, and the Bush administration's response to that crisis.

Mr. Speaker, the devastation wrought by the natural disaster has caused an unimaginable humanitarian

crisis, especially in Pakistan where approximately 90,000 people have lost their lives so far, and that number is expected to rise. In addition, over 3 million people have been left homeless.

Given the magnitude, one would expect the Bush administration to have a response with a pledge of aid that matched the severity of the situation, especially given our current efforts to win the hearts and minds of that region of the world. What have we done so far? A little over \$50 million. That is not an adequate response, especially since we spend almost \$6 billion a month on the war on Iraq. We know that Pakistan has joined us in fighting al Qaeda.

I think that we should actually have more of a concern for those who have joined us in this war on terror. I would like to add a March 17, 2003, article for the RECORD, where the U.S. forced inspectors out of Iraq, which could have proved that there were no weapons of mass destruction.

[From USA Today, Mar. 17, 2003]

U.S. ADVISES WEAPONS INSPECTORS TO LEAVE IRAQ

VIENNA, AUSTRIA.—In the clearest sign yet that war with Iraq is imminent, the United States has advised U.N. weapons inspectors to begin pulling out of Baghdad, the U.N. nuclear agency chief said Monday.

Mohamed ElBaradei, head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, said the recommendation was given late Sunday night both to his Vienna-based agency hunting for atomic weaponry and to the New York-based teams looking for biological and chemical weapons.

"Late last night . . . I was advised by the U.S. government to pull out our inspectors from Baghdad," ElBaradei told the IAEA's board of governors. He said U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan and the Security Council were informed and that the council would take up the issue later Monday.

U.N. officials have said the inspectors and support staff still in Iraq could be evacuated in as little as 48 hours.

No one has yet given the order for the inspectors to begin pulling out, and they were working on Monday. Most of the teams' helicopters have left Iraq because their insurance was canceled, chief U.N. inspector Hans Blix said, and the personnel level was low because of a scheduled rotation home.

IAEA spokeswoman Melissa Fleming said the nuclear agency would wait for Security Council guidance later Monday before deciding whether to pull out its inspectors.

The teams, which returned to Iraq on Nov. 27 after a nearly four-year absence, drew up contingency plans to evacuate even before their redeployment.

"A lot depends on the Iraqis," a senior U.N. inspector told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. "If they let us use aircraft to get out, we could be gone in 48 hours or even less. If they won't let us fly out, we would have to drive to a border, and that could mean an eight-hour journey across hot desert. It would take longer, but we would get out."

Inspectors have experience in getting out of Iraq in a hurry: In December 1998, they pulled out on the eve of U.S.-British airstrikes amid allegations that Baghdad was not cooperating with the teams.

There have been some concerns that the Iraqis might hold the inspectors as human shields in case of a conflict. But Iraq's foreign minister appeared to play down those

fears in a live television interview on the al-Arabiya Arabic satellite channel Sunday night.

"The inspectors came by a decision of the Security Council, which decides on their departure," Naji Sabri said.

ElBaradei told the nuclear agency's 35-nation governing board Monday that he was worried about the safety of the teams, yet still held out hope that war could be averted.

"Naturally the safety of our staff remains our primary consideration at this difficult time," he said. "I earnestly hope—even at this late hour—that a peaceful resolution of the issue can be achieved, and that the world can be spared a war."

ElBaradei, who has been monitoring the situation day to day, also confirmed that he and Blix had received an invitation from Baghdad "to visit Iraq with a view toward accelerating the implementation of our respective mandates." He did not say whether he or Blix had accepted.

"I should note that in recent weeks, possibly as a result of increasing pressure by the international community, Iraq has been more forthcoming in its cooperation with the IAEA," he said, adding that inspectors still have found no evidence that Saddam Hussein has revived his nuclear program.

But with the United States, Britain and Spain making clear that Monday would be the final day for diplomatic efforts to avert a conflict, it appeared that the inspectors were running out of time and could begin withdrawing at any moment.

In other signs that war could be imminent, the U.S. State Department on Sunday night ordered nonessential personnel and all family members to leave Israel, Kuwait and Syria in a precautionary move.

Germany closed its embassy in Baghdad on Monday after calling on its citizens to leave Iraq "immediately," and Britain advised all its citizens except diplomatic staff to leave Kuwait as soon as possible, citing a potential threat from war in neighboring Iraq.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 3058

Mr. KNOLLENBERG submitted the following conference report and statement on the bill (H.R. 3058) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes:

CONFERENCE REPORT (H. REPT. 109-307)

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3058) "making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes", having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken and inserted by said amendment, insert:

DIVISION A—TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, THE JUDICIARY, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006

That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise ap-

propriated, for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes, namely:

TITLE I

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Secretary, \$84,900,000, of which not to exceed \$2,198,000 shall be available for the immediate Office of the Secretary; not to exceed \$698,000 shall be available for the immediate Office of the Deputy Secretary; not to exceed \$15,183,000 shall be available for the Office of the General Counsel; not to exceed \$11,650,000 shall be available for the Office of the Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy; not to exceed \$8,485,000 shall be available for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs; not to exceed \$2,293,000 shall be available for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs; not to exceed \$22,031,000 shall be available for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration; not to exceed \$1,910,000 shall be available for the Office of Public Affairs; not to exceed \$1,442,000 shall be available for the Office of the Executive Secretariat; not to exceed \$697,000 shall be available for the Board of Contract Appeals; not to exceed \$1,265,000 shall be available for the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization; not to exceed \$2,033,000 for the Office of Intelligence and Security; not to exceed \$11,895,000 shall be available for the Office of the Chief Information Officer; and not to exceed \$3,120,000 shall be available for the Office of Emergency Transportation: Provided, That the Secretary of Transportation is authorized to transfer funds appropriated for any office of the Office of the Secretary to any other office of the Office of the Secretary: Provided further, That no appropriation for any office shall be increased or decreased by more than 5 percent by all such transfers: Provided further, That notice of any change in funding greater than 5 percent shall be submitted for approval to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations: Provided further, That not to exceed \$60,000 shall be for allocation within the Department for official reception and representation expenses as the Secretary may determine: Provided further, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, excluding fees authorized in Public Law 107-71, there may be credited to this appropriation up to \$2,500,000 in funds received in user fees: Provided further, That none of the funds provided in this Act shall be available for the position of Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs.

OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS

For necessary expenses of the Office of Civil Rights, \$8,550,000.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND DEVELOPMENT

For necessary expenses for conducting transportation planning, research, systems development, development activities, and making grants, to remain available until expended, \$15,000,000.

WORKING CAPITAL FUND

Necessary expenses for operating costs and capital outlays of the Working Capital Fund, not to exceed \$118,014,000, shall be paid from appropriations made available to the Department of Transportation: Provided, That such services shall be provided on a competitive basis to entities within the Department of Transportation: Provided further, That the above limitation on operating expenses shall not apply to non-DOT entities: Provided further, That no funds appropriated in this Act to an agency of the Department shall be transferred to the Working Capital Fund without the approval of the agency modal administrator: Provided further, That no assessments may be levied against any program, budget activity, subactivity or project funded by this